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Irrigation Schemes under MGNREGA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to synchronize the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Watershed Development Programme and Water Resources Development Projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government is undertaking any work for developing irrigation resources under MGNREGS; and

(d) the details of progress likely to be made for expansion of such irrigation projects throughout the country, State/UTwise including Maharashtra?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT)

(a)&(b): The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), Water Shed Development Programme and Water Resource Development Project is already being synchronized. Guidelines for convergence between MGNREGA and Integrated Watershed Management Programme of Department of Land Resources and guidelines for convergence between MGNREGS and the scheme of the Ministry of Water Resources have been issued .

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. In current financial year, 2016-17, a national target of constructing 5 lakh Farm Ponds under MGNREGA was kept, against this States/ UTs in their annual labour budget and shelf of works for the year 2016-17 has kept the target of 8, 82, 325 Farm Ponds. State/ UT wise details of the targets of constructing Farm Ponds are given in the Annexure.

In addition to above, following irrigation related projects are permitted and being taken up under MGNREGA:

Category: A: PUBLIC WORKS RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

(i) Water conservation and water harvesting structures

(ii) Watershed management works resulting in a comprehensive treatment of a watershed;

(iii) Micro and minor irrigation works and creation, renovation and maintenance of irrigation canals and drains;

(iv) Renovation of traditional water bodies including desilting of irrigation tanks and other water bodies;

Category B: COMMUNITY ASSETS OR INDIVIDUAL ASSETS:

(i) Improving productivity of lands by providing suitable infrastructure for irrigation including dug wells, farm ponds and other water harvesting structures.